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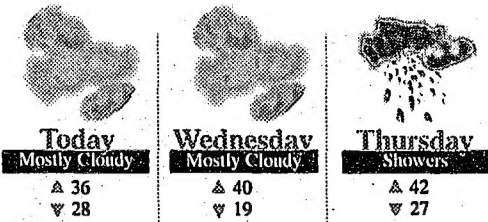
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Senators Vote to Advance LB211

Tony Dreibus

Senior Staff Writer

Nebraska senators voted recently to pass and amended LB211 to the next level of debate.

LB211 is a bill originally written to ban smoking in the Nebraska State Capitol Building in Lincoln, Sen. Jerry Schmitt of Ord, said. Since its conception, LB 211 has seen quite a few amendments.

Smoking is allowed in designated areas of many state buildings, including the cafeteria of the state capitol.

Some amendments which did not pass were to allow smoking (in the capitol building) after normal work hours, by Sen. David Landis of Lincoln, and to ban smoking from all state owned and leased buildings, by Sen. Chris Beutler, also of Lincoln.

Sen. Gene Tyson of Norfolk proposed the only amendment that passed, which would ban smoking from all state owned buildings.

"We received a lot of opposition from groups such as veteran's homes," Schmitt said. "Another amendment was made to that, to prohibit smoking except when the governing body (of the institution in question) will allow it."

Despite the amendment, smoking will not be allowed in the capitol building, he said.

The Group to Alleviate Smoking Pollution (GASP), a non-profit lobbyist group from Omaha, thinks the problem should include all state-owned buildings,

including universities.

"I would like to see an amendment that would ban smoking in any building or office owned by, leased to or leased from the state of Nebraska," Mark Welsch, president of GASP, said.

There are several state employees, such as park and recreation workers, who live on the grounds

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Chris Machlan

Groundskeeper Scott Spires picks up hundreds of cigarette butts daily. Here, Spires is cleaning up the area north of the Pep bowl.

Students Gather for Millenium Conference

Dustin Pappas

News Editor

High School students from 47 schools around the state gath-



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Astronaut Paul Richards signs autographs Milo Bail Student Center.

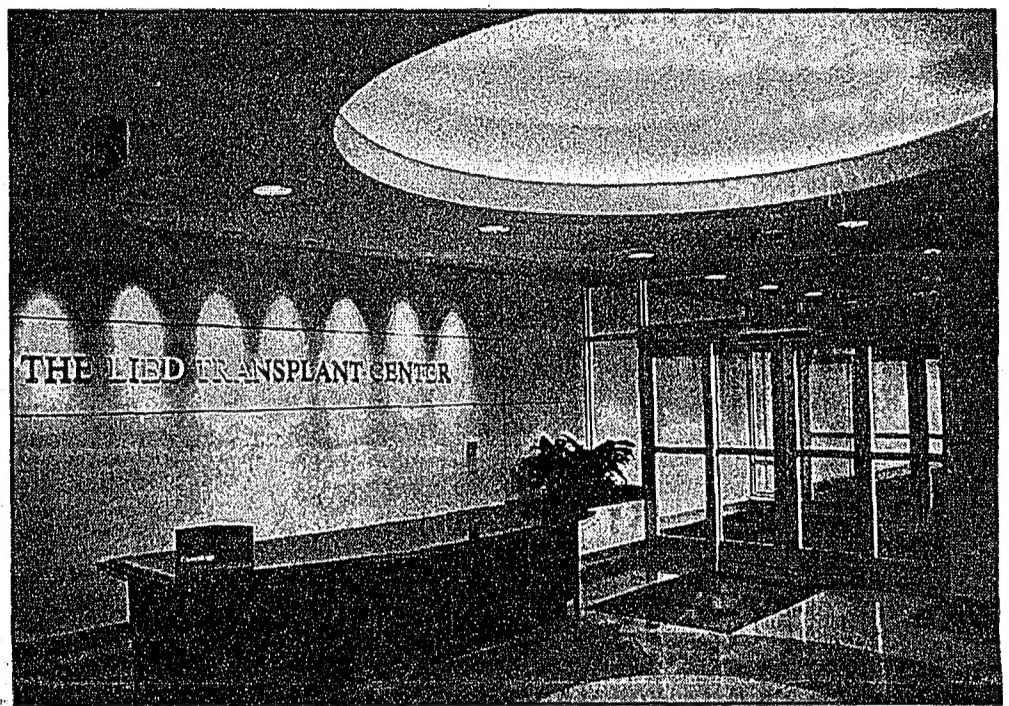
ered in UNO's Ballroom Friday to attend "The Next Millennium Conference." These juniors and seniors spent the day touring job sites and attending interactive seminars with scientists, business owners, and NASA astronaut, Paul William Richards.

The conference is a part of Opportunity Jobs Careers (OJC) school to work program. The conference gives students an idea of what to look for in the future in fields like engineering, architecture, information science and technology.

"All these careers are interrelated," Penny Boykins, business community coordinator for

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Transplant Center Opens Its Doors



Chris Machlan

Transplant and cancer patients are now moving into the new era of health care as the completed Lied Transplant Center at the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) opened its doors Saturday after four years of construction.

"What we're doing is unique because of the combination of hotel-like services in a hospital environment," Richard McLaughlin, hospitality manager at the center, said.

The care received at Lied Transplant Center hopes to make hospital phobia a thing of the past.

The center takes an innovative approach to health care putting patients and family/friends in control of the recovery process.

The Center offers a library of resources to patients and public.

These resources coupled with comfortable surroundings is what McLaughlin hopes will make patients "leave feeling more comfortable to handle life following a transplant and to feel like they've received the best possible care and service from Nebraska Health System."

Don't Let Winter Make You SAD

Colleen Scargent

Features Editor

Winter. "Blahhh." Winter. "Blahhh."

Not many cheers can be heard during the long, cold winter months. Many are ready to get rid of the sub-zero temperatures, dark skies and that fluffy white stuff and get on with the rest of the year, especially those with the "winter blahs."

The "blues," the "blahs" or

other terms people have coined for feeling down in the dumps during winter months really has "trivialized and minimized depression," Mark Fleisher, M.D., assistant professor of psychology at the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Medicine and UNO graduate, said.

He said winter alone shouldn't cause physical changes in most people. However, the onset of winter can prompt a series of biological changes in people inflicted

with seasonal affective disorder (SAD).

Fleisher said SAD is a fairly uncommon major depressive disorder. He explained SAD is characterized by the onset of atypical depressive symptoms in the fall such as increased appetite, carbohydrate cravings, increased body weight, fatigue and hypersomnia. The pendulum swings in the opposite direction when spring rolls around. The mood can become

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Police Warn Students to 'Be Observant of Surroundings'

Jason Kuiper

Staff Writer

Even though it has been a couple of years since the UNO campus has had a violent crime occur, students still need to be aware of certain safety precautions to avoid becoming a victim.

"Be observant of your immediate area. Be aware of your sur-

roundings. Look in your car before you actually get into it," Officer John Young of the Omaha Police Department, said.

Following such simple advice makes a person look less like a target to potential aggressors.

"Even the way people carry themselves can make a difference. Walk with confidence, act like you have a purpose, look like you have

somewhere to go," Young said. "And when your walking to your car have your key out, ready to go and hold that key in between your fingers with a clenched fist."

"The key tactic is good, but you can avoid being in that situation," Paul Kosel, manager of UNO Campus Security, said.

Kosel recommends students

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UNMC Offers \$100 in Study

Ana Merizalde
Staff Writer

The University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) is paying a \$100 stipend to people, ages 19 to 80, who have flu symptoms and would like to participate in a drug study. The stipend will be paid to participants who successfully complete the program.

The study requires medication twice a day for five days, keep diary cards and take their temperature daily. Participants will make a total of five visits to the Durham Outpatient Center located on the UNMC campus at 45th and Emile Streets. The study is a double-blind study, with some patients receiving a placebo and others receiving the drug.

"We are looking for people who are just starting to have symptoms," UNMC Researcher, Jennifer Ekin, M.D., principal investigator of the study, said.

"Flu symptoms include respiratory problems such as nasal congestion and cough as well as systemic symptoms including chills, fever, body aches and fatigue. The study here at UNMC will last as long as the flu season lasts, and as long as we have people who meet the criteria. We're looking for a minimum of 15 patients until the season severely tapers off and then we'll call it quits," Dr. Ekin said.

With funding through Roche Laboratories, Dr. Ekin, along with UNMC researcher LeeRoy Meyer, M.D., are involved in testing neuraminidase inhibitor, an oral drug currently in phase III development.

"This is actually the seventh test," Dr. Ekin said. "The testing is now in the latter

stages and over 2000 people have taken this. In the past the drug has been very well tolerated, making the results very promising."

Studies have already been conducted with Neuraminidase Inhibitor in the US, Europe, Canada and China. These studies have found the oral drug to significantly decrease the duration and severity of acute influenza in adults and worked best if taken early.

The US Centers for Disease Control (CDC) said in an average year, influenza is associated with 20,000 deaths nationwide. Although this drug may be the answer to treating influenza, Dr. Ekin admits there are still more tests to be done.

"The biggest problem with the drug in the past is nausea with the first dose and or vomiting. Which can be alleviated with food, before taking it. The only thing not known, is whether it will work with women who are pregnant or breast feeding. The safety measures haven't been adequately tested. We don't know what kind of affects the drug could have on the fetus."

However, with secondary complications such as bronchitis and sinusitis to severe complications like pneumonia, Dr. Ekin points out the necessity of a drug like neuraminidase inhibitor.

"What medical community recommends is people who are at risk like children, diabetics and the elderly get the flu shot. For people who aren't at risk, and the elderly who may have slipped through the cracks and haven't been vaccinated, it will be nice to have a drug available to treat these people."

The UNMC study is open to normally healthy adults and excludes people with certain types of conditions or diseases. If you are interested in participating in the study, call UNMC at (402) 559-7504.

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— Jennifer Ekin,
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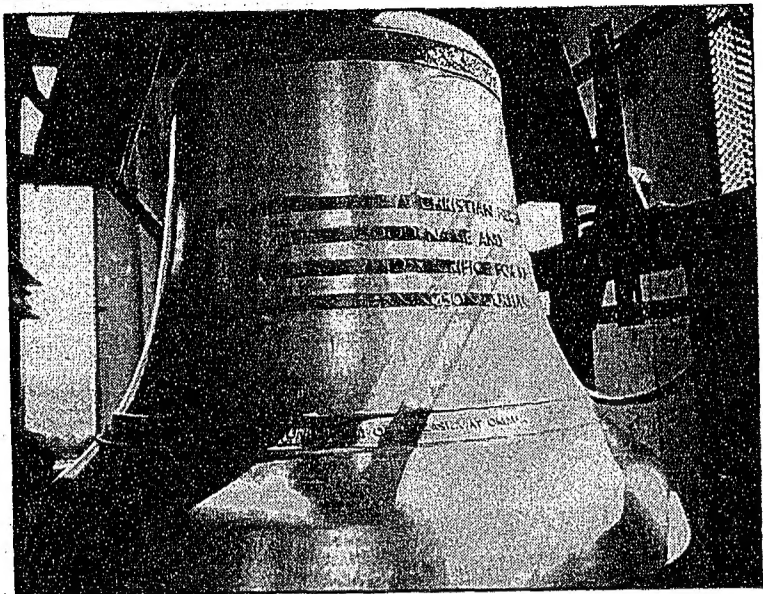
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Get to Know Your Campus



Chris Machian

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Medical Students Probe Roots of Medical Profession

Rebecca S. Moermond
Staff Writer

While spring break may find some students relaxing on beaches or curled up next to a fire after a nice long day on the slopes, others will find themselves working more than 10 hours a day only to relax to nightly education sessions.

"It is difficult and hard work," Sheila Bush, UNMC medical student, said, "but it is also some of the most rewarding work I have done."

Bush, along with 28 students from UNMC's college of medicine and college of dentistry, three Nebraska physicians, two dentists and one nurse, will provide medical and dental care to about 90 patients a day for a humanitarian medical mission Mar. 14-19, in Falmouth, Jamaica.

Falmouth is a poor, medically-underserved city of about 10,000 people located about 20 miles east of Montego Bay.

The group will diagnose and treat patients for a variety of illnesses, provide screenings for diabetes, hypertension and other conditions, perform minor surgery and dental procedures.

Medical care is provided in a small house that was converted into a four room clinic.

"There is no fancy MRIs, CT scans or even X-rays," Wes Smeal, a second-year UNO medical student, said. "We really get to experience the practice of medicine."

"The experience is medically and socially rewarding," Smeal said. "The people there are very appreciative."

Lines form out side the house early in the morning, many times before any workers are there.

Bush regrets not being able to help everyone. There is one other medical facility in Falmouth but is for emergencies only and it's very primitive. They have open wards and the beds are close together.

At the end of the trip it is hard for students to leave.

Bush also said this is a wonderful way to give back to the community and a fulfilling service opportunity she would recommend for anyone.

"It brings you back to why you want to study medicine away from the books," Bush said.

If you are interested in donating toiletries as well as new or used summer clothing for school-aged children, ages 5-18, drop them off anytime at 3708 Dewey Ave. To make other donations call the Student Alliance for Global Health at 344-4715.



Sheila Bush gives the once over to a small child. Bush said her job allows her to give back to the community. "It brings you back to why you want to study medicine away from the books," she said.

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Try Listening For Once, Folks

I never used to have a favorite saying, but recently I have come to embrace the old saying, "Those who talk most, have the least to say."

Everywhere I go I hear the shrieks and squabbling of those people who not only think they know everything—they feel the necessity to let everyone else know they're right too.

So this one is dedicated to all the talkers of this world.

To those of you who sit, bitch, moan and groan needlessly about the problems you have.

And for all those individuals that never give the chance for anyone else to figure out what

you're thinking because you already told us (for a second or third time, no doubt).

This type of behavior is irritating and offensive to those of us who choose to live life without the needless constant chattering that so easily interrupts our life.

The background hissing noise we are victimized to disrupts our quiet and personally satisfying lives.

We all have our own thoughts, ideas and feelings. Yet, you can actually keep those to yourself.

I repeat, you can keep those emotions to yourself.

There is something satisfying

in actually realizing people don't know everything about you. Try it for a change; see how it feels. Find out what it is like to enter a room and not have everyone know what you're all about. Try asking someone how they feel



about a subject before you submerge them with your keen sense of observation and stunning ability grasp everything in life.

By trying this tactic, you will

soon find anonymity has it perks. No longer will you have to dazzle everyone with your social fireworks. No longer will you find yourself saying one too many words. No longer will you constantly have to engage in needless small talk with people you wish to exclude from your life, but can never seem to disconnect from.

You will be in control. You will no longer be the person everyone is always saying, "I wish they would shut up for once," behind your back.

I am not saying we should all turn into solitarians, coming out only to eat and drink. By limit-

ing your verbal time, you can make your life happier and better.

But do not stop talking.

What is on your mind is important. Just realize, not everyone needs to know. By constantly bickering you only push yourself apart from people.

Humans love to talk, especially about themselves. But in the long run where will it get you? Only more and more involved with...you. Unless you open yourself up to other people's ideas and thoughts, the last words you hear on your deathbed might be the reflection of your voice off the cold hospital walls.

Barbie With Tattoos Raise A Few Eyebrows

College Press Exchange

I have an aunt who is a doom-sayer. But in this instance, I'm afraid she is all too right.

She has been watching all this mess going on on the Senate floor with pursed lips. All along, she has predicted that standards and decorum will now slip everywhere.

"Once behavior like this is discussed openly in the hallowed halls of law and government," my aunt has warned repeatedly, "who knows what other slips in taste are bound to follow?"

Well, they have, Aunt Dorothy, they really have.

Please sit down if this is coming as a complete shock. Barbie has gotten tattooed.

Yes, I'm talking about Barbie. That pristine doll who once want-

ed only to shop for designer clothes until she dropped now comes with a set of do-it-yourself wet-and-stick-on tattoos. OK, these stick-ons aren't whips and chains, just flowers and butterflies. But, still, the door has been opened.

And for every tattoo that goes on Barbie, there is one included for the little girl who buys her.

"It's too much," says nurse Nancy Lenox. "Now they've gone too far. I saw this as a commercial on TV. I can just picture all those little girls running around in their new tattoos."

Lenox is a friend of mine. Frankly, she hasn't gotten anywhere near as upset over the Monica situation as she has over Barbie's tattoos.

Interns are in and out of fash-

ion. But Barbie, for goodness' sake, is an institution.

"What are we going to have next?" Lenox wants to know. "A Barbie with body piercing?"

This is all part of the Mattel toy company's plan to bring Barbie into the 21st century. A spokesman for the company says the tattoo doll is proving popular.

I know the little girls love it, but what about their parents?

"Well, they've also made Barbie's figure more realistic," says Carol Pennington, a mother I talked to while browsing through a toy store.

"A tasteful tattoo doesn't bother me. After all, my daughter can always wash off the Barbie kind. Lots of kids are getting tattoos. It's not the shock it used to be.

"But to have my daughter play

with a doll with that impossible figure would make me feel a lot worse."

I checked out that new, more realistic-figure Barbie while I was in the store. Guess what, folks? I don't know anyone who has a figure like that, either.

Just like any other out-of-the-ordinary Barbie, the tattoo version is beginning to get a cult following. And it's adults who are buying it, just as much as kids.

"I collect outrageous toys," says Marianne Davis, a college student. "I know a girl at school who has her own tattoo and has had an artist

friend paint the exact one on this new Barbie. It's quite a conversation piece."

This brings to mind what happened some years ago when the

company came out with a Magic Earring Ken. This Ken doll had very blond hair, rather mod clothes and an earring in one ear.

I wasn't aware of this, but a friend tells me the doll was an instant hit, but not with little girls. It was heavily collected in the gay community.

This Ken doll is no longer being made. It is almost impossible to find one secondhand.

Toy marketers and a lot of parents like the idea of Barbie and Ken taking on a more worldly existence.

I asked several what they think will be Barbie's next foray.

"Anything that's in the spotlight," says mother-of-two Jan Higgins. "Well, let's just hope for Ken's sake, they don't come out with a Lorena Bobbitt Barbie."

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Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor,

I would just like to finally thank you guys for getting an Arts & Leisure page in the Gateway. There are many students in the dramatic arts department who are disappointed in the Gateway for the lack and quality of the articles covering UNO theatre productions. I feel that any school that has 2-3 pages on sports and a tiny blurb about the other programs (particu-

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Donald Rush
UNO Student

Magazine Stole "Monica Lisa" Idea From Student, Professor Says

College Press Exchange

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. - A professor at Penn State is accusing The New Yorker of ripping off its Feb. 8 cover from a portrait painted by one of his students.

Richard Alden, assistant professor of architecture, doubts it's a coincidence that a cover idea he presented to New Yorker editors in October was submitted by another artist for this month's magazine. Alden insists the magazine got the idea from the "Monica Lisa" painting he showed off that was done by Alysia J. DeAntonio, a sophomore who was in his visual-communications class last fall. DeAntonio's painting features a version of the "Mona Lisa" with Lewinsky's face.

After his visit, Alden said he never heard

back from editors and was sickened when he saw the recent cover.

"I felt like I had been mugged or robbed," he said.

A spokeswoman for The New Yorker said the magazine believes that the cover illustration, which was done by a freelance artist, is original work that was in no way inspired by DeAntonio's painting.

"The only artist with any claim here is Marcel Duchamp, who started the whole joke of messing around with the 'Mona Lisa' a long time ago," New Yorker editor David Remnick said in a prepared statement.

Alden, who along with DeAntonio and another business partner has been selling T-shirts emblazoned with the image, isn't convinced. He has hired an attorney to determine whether he can file.

Tax Break On Tuition Causing Confusion

College Press Exchange

The nation's new tuition tax credits sound reasonably straightforward: You pay for a college education for yourself or your kid, and you get to take as much as \$1,500 off your income tax.

But the execution of this idea is proving to be a mess.

In the Carolinas and across the nation, campuses have spent thousands of dollars to gather required information and mail out new tax documents, called "tuition payment statements," to their students.

Despite the name, statements from many campuses - including UNC Chapel Hill and Central Piedmont Community College - include absolutely no information about tuition payments.

Now, many campuses are fielding questions from puzzled students and parents. "When I got it, I had no idea what it meant," says Marlene Sanges of Albemarle, whose son Thane is a first-year student at UNC.

Campus officials predict queries will snowball as April 15 approaches.

"(Callers are) not angry at all. They're just totally confused," says

Angie Davis, UNC Chapel Hill's director of student accounts and university receivables.

Colleges blame the government for this bizarre situation. When Congress approved the Hope Credit and Lifetime Learning Credit in 1997, it told colleges to report to the Internal Revenue Service and to each student how much that student has paid in

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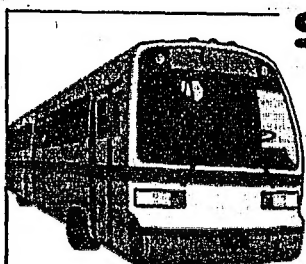


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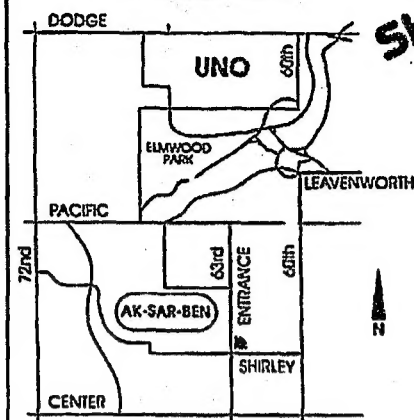


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SMOKE: Bill Advances to Next Round

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where they work. Prohibiting smoking in all state owned and leased buildings would be going into peoples homes, and that's why the amendment was added, Schmitt said.

Smoking is not allowed in any UNO building or office, which is by choice of the administration.

Dormitories at the Universities of Nebraska at Lincoln and Kearney have "smoking floors" where students are

allowed to smoke.

Department of Motor Vehicles offices, which will not be affected by LB 211, also allow smoking in areas of its offices.

"I've seen ashtrays under the counter near where you get your eyes tested," Welsh said. "It's ridiculous."

LB 211 must go through a select file, then to a final reading. The governor must then sign it before it becomes law.

VICTIM: Students Should Be Cautious

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should be aware of two or even three alternate routes to avoid possibly dangerous situations. "Know your friends schedules. Keep your schedule on your fridge so your roommates know it. If someone needs to get a hold of you or if there is an emergency, it makes it easier for us if they know where you might be."

"If a person ever should be attacked, and the attacker gets you in the car, you should never comply and go with the person," Young said, "Get out of the car, even if its moving. Your chances of survival are not that good if they take you."

Many public places offer escorts to help people reach their destinations safely. At UNO, security will escort students to their car, give jumps for stalled cars, or just give general information, all students have to do is call and ask. Security personal are subject to criminal background checks done by the Personal Department before they are hired.

Kosel said the campus has 10 code blue phones placed strategically around campus. The phones are "hand free" working much

like an intercom and can track where the call is coming from even before the person speaks. With the expansion of campus, six more phones will soon be installed.

Kosel said with the addition of residence halls next year there are some potential security problems, but adds as long as students remain aware of simple safety precautions, the transition should be smooth.

The Community Resource Center located in Crossroads Mall near 74th and Dodge Streets is operated by the Omaha Fire and Police Departments and offers free advice and literature on safety measures and precautions. Judy Johns, crime prevention coordinator of the center agrees, some simple precautions can make the difference.

"Little things like keeping your packages in the trunk when your out shopping or stay in your car and let it defrost instead of standing outside and scraping it," Johns said. "And one of the easiest things to do, especially nowadays, is to have to have your cellular phone ready, that could be your best defense."

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OJC, said. Students in attendance attended the conference for their own interest. Participant Joel Nickerson has his sights set on a computer networking job and is considering UNO in order to fulfill this goal.

Most students in attendance exhibit an interest in these fields and are considering some sort of post-secondary education.

Many companies have made contributions to fund the conference, as well as individuals and some school funds.

Body Piercings Make a Point

College Press Exchange

STETSON, Fla.- To establish identity, some folks wear clothes from the trendiest stores, splash themselves with an array of scents, plaster their vehicles with bumper stickers, and load their bookbags with buttons declaring their pet causes and politics.

But perhaps the fastest way to get noticed in the '90s is body piercing.

Driving metal studs and hoops through bellybuttons, ears, eyebrows, nipples, noses, tongues - and a few other places where the sun doesn't shine - seems to grab attention these days like few other things.

Experts say the reasons people poke multiple holes in their bodes are as varied as the parts they have punctured. But more often than not, they're looking for a way to express themselves, said Donald L. Sanz, Ph.D., a licensed psychologist and director of the Counseling Center at Stetson University.

As with choosing clothes, people pierce themselves to stand out but to also identify with others who are doing the same thing, he said.

"It's a very interesting juxtaposition between rebellion" and making a statement, he said.

Some folks display their piercings to shock people, others use them for sexual stimulation, and still others hope their

hoops "attract members of the same or opposite sex (or) send a signal about their sexuality," Sanz added.

There is a group of hole-y folks health care professionals fret about:

Those who are addicted to self-mutilation. They go far beyond average body display, covering themselves with tattoos and multiple piercings because of feelings of anger or self-hatred, experts say.

"That's the part (where) we have to be most concerned - when people are hurting themselves," Sanz said.

Myrna Diaz, a junior at Texas A&M, said she doesn't know much about all the psycho-babble that goes along with the tongue ring she got for \$60 about a year ago. Diaz said she got the stud because she simply wanted to break a bad habit.

"I bit my nails, so I needed something to mess with in my mouth to keep my fingers out of it," she said. "I've bitten my nails for 15 years, and I'm free now."

Prices range from \$25 for the standard navel ring to \$140 for an

"Ampadravya" piercing in ... well, let's just say it's easily concealed with underwear.

Legislators and doctors are increasingly uncomfortable with this fashion trend, which can, when performed under unsafe conditions, lead to infections and the spread

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vibrant and expansive, rather than depressive, and the body's craving for food and sleep decreases, as the days grow longer. SAD is thought to be a variant of a bipolar disorder because of its high and low end.

Scientists aren't certain what causes SAD, but they know cold temperatures are not a pre-requisite for the condition. The body's physiological response to changes in the length of daylight is the cause of SAD in most people.

Dr. Fleisher said one hypothesis suggests changes in the secretion cycles of melatonin, a light-sensitive hormone that regulates the body's internal clock or circadian rhythms, triggers depression. "It (circadian rhythms) is the body's own rhythm of appreciating day and night cycles."

Phototherapy or light therapy can help put disrupted biological rhythms back on track. Researchers believe the supplementation of light may reverse abnormalities in brain chemistry caused by light deficiency. During light treatments, patients sit close to light boxes that give off light more than 50 times the intensity of ordinary

indoor light. Light boxes are in the Food and Drug Administration's experimental phase and seem to be a relatively safe treatment option. The most common complaints by patients are eye strain, headaches, insomnia or irritability.

The neurotransmitters serotonin and dopamine that carry signals between the nerve cells are also thought to play a role. Studies have found that antidepressant medications which act on the neurotransmitter serotonin help relieve depressive symptoms, according to the Harvard Health Letter.

As for those simply feeling "blah," Dr. Fleisher suggested the following:

- Get active. Find things you enjoy and do them.
- Adopt a positive attitude.
- Spend more time with friends.
- Exercise.
- Make the best of winter.
- Be realistic about what's

going on. Winter is just a transitory period; spring is around the corner.

"It (winter blues) is such a far cry from those who really have a serious

depressive disorder," Dr. Fleisher said.

As far as he is concerned, people simply feeling "blah" shouldn't even be coming in to see the doctor.

"I don't have a lot of sympathy for someone sitting around eating bonbons because their tan faded, when we are trying to keep people alive, out of the hospital and from killing themselves," he said.

What distinguishes SAD from the "blahs" is the timing of the depressive symptoms. With SAD, changes in the mood occur when the season's change and persist through the winter, whereas the winter blues tend to occur in the midst of winter.

For a SAD diagnosis, recurrent episodes must occur within a particular 60-day period of the year and there must be a history of at least three episodes in three separate years demonstrating a clear seasonal pattern, according to the Comprehensive Textbook of Psychiatry.

"People need to realize there is a difference between the winter 'blahs' and major depressive disorders, such as seasonal affective disorder," he said.

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tuition and qualified expenses.

But colleges pleaded for more time to accomplish the task, which requires some to gather information they haven't collected before.

College officials say the IRS also has been slow to clarify what costs are eligible for the tax credit.

In the end, the government told colleges they must send out the tuition statements in 1999 and 2000, but they don't have to include actual tuition information until 2001.

So most information on the tax documents is stuff students already know: their own name, address and Social Security number, plus the school's name and address. The forms also note whether a student has been enrolled at least half time or is a graduate student.

At UNC, callers typically point out that their Form 1098-T has no dollar amount on it.

"Our response back is we were not required to furnish it," Davis says.

"And our reason is the (federal) rules are so vague we do not know the amount to put on there."

The new tax credits offer major breaks to as many as 20 million Americans who paid college tuition and fees in 1998, and some experts predict they'll become among the most commonly claimed tax benefits.

While colleges weren't required to tell students how much they've paid this past year, many schools, including N.C. State University in Raleigh and Winthrop University in Rock Hill, sent out summaries of payments with the federal documents.

Those summaries are meant to help taxpayers figure out what they can deduct as a tax credit.

"We knew parents were going to need the information," says Craig Moore, director of N.C. State's university cashiers office. "And we also wanted to keep the number of phone calls (from parents) at a minimum."

At Winthrop, students received summaries of everything they paid in 1998, including many charges, such as room and board, that aren't deductible. "It's the students' responsibility to determine what to include," says J.P. McKee, Winthrop's vice president for finance and business.

Some campuses, including UNC, had hoped to send out financial information, but weren't able to pull together reliable data in time. And other campuses, such as CPCC, decided to send only what was required.

"We're going to tell (students) to refer to their receipts," CPCC controller Michael Moss says. CPCC spent about \$11,500 in postage alone to send out tax documents without financial information.

At Chapel Hill, officials have told students to go to a Web page on the Internet. By using an identification number, students can access summaries of their accounts for 1998. Students or parents without Internet access can call Chapel Hill and request a copy of the accounts.

UNC Charlotte, meanwhile, may be among a small minority of colleges this year that actually provided tuition information on students' tax statements.

In one box on the form, UNCC gave a total for 1998 tuition and fees that it believes qualify for the tax credit. In another box, it gave a grants and scholarships total, which a taxpayer deducts from the payments to figure the credit.

Many schools are refusing to advise students about what costs are eligible, because they say IRS rules are unclear. And officials at some schools say activities and athletic fees definitely aren't deductible. IRS spokesman John Lenik agrees. UNCC, however, is saying that all required general fees are deductible.

Olen Smith, UNCC's vice chancellor for business affairs, points out that at most private colleges, all costs are lumped into a single bill and called tuition, which qualifies as a deductible expense.

"The bottom line is, a student who attends UNCC has no choice but to pay fees," he says.

If many students and parents are utterly confused by the prospect of wading through these new rules, many are also grateful.

"Really, it's giving (tuition) to you free," says Barbara Teitelzweig, a CPCC student who's planning to transfer to UNCC and get an education degree. Teitelzweig figures she'll be able to take \$800 or \$900 off her taxes. She always keeps her receipts, so she doesn't anticipate much difficulty. "It's really a no-brainer," she said.

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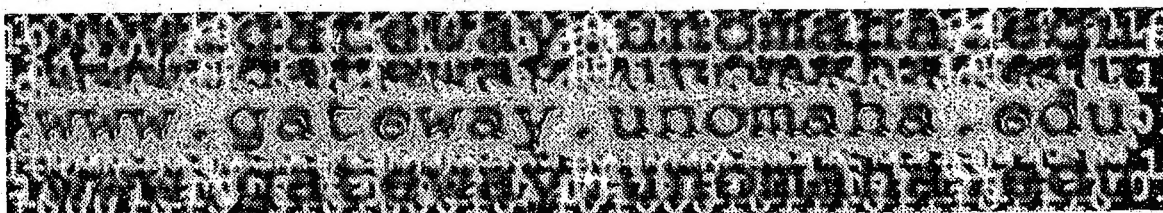
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Your Weekly Horoscope

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Aries (March 21-April 19).

Teamwork is required on Monday, but it's also quite easy. Things could be taken out of your hands and finished before you even have a chance to give the orders. Tuesday and Wednesday are intensely inspirational. Follow that little voice in the back of your mind, especially if what it's saying sounds like fun. On Thursday and Friday, the moon will be in your sign. So is Jupiter, for luck, and Saturn, for discipline. Use both. Saturday and Sunday, the moon's going through Taurus to teach you to spend money wisely. Pay attention.

Taurus (April 20-May 20).

Your assignment for Monday is to lay low and take notes. A person who thinks he or she knows everything wants to tell you what to do, and you'd be a fool to argue, especially right now. Meet with friends on Tuesday and Wednesday, to share ideas and support. The heat is turned up on Thursday and Friday, but not to worry. Your team comes to the rescue. Saturday's got some setbacks, but Sunday should be absolutely marvelous, especially for a get-together with friends.

Gemini (May 21-June 21).

You could cinch a deal Monday that would open up all kinds of new horizons for you. Looks like the sky's the limit, and maybe not even that. Inspiration strikes again on Tuesday and Wednesday. There are problems coming up, but that's fine. That just means you're growing. Organize your team on Thursday and Friday. You don't get extra points for doing everything by yourself. Ponder a serious decision over the weekend. This is not something you want to rush into.

Cancer (June 22-July 22).

Monday is about money, specifically money you can get from other people. This could be loans or grants, or even some sort of insurance plan, but it looks like an application is required. Your luck's good Tuesday and Wednesday, although a change may be necessary to get what you want. Trust one who loves you. Toe the line Thursday and Friday, to impress an authority figure. You may be tired by the weekend, so plan something relaxing with friends.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22).

You may feel kind of tired Monday. Your best plan of action is to hand the assignment over to somebody else. You should have a partner who's able to do this next part better than you could anyway. Be watching for good bargains on Tuesday and Wednesday, and also good investment tips. You're liable to find a doozy. A foreigner brings you luck on Thursday and Friday, and maybe a couple of surprises. Review options carefully Saturday, so by Sunday you know which choice is the wise one.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).

You may feel that it's almost more work than you can handle on Monday. Get feedback from the people you're trying to serve, so you can put the right habits into place. The right partner to share your load should become obvious by Tuesday or Wednesday. Be willing to hand over part of your burden. Your energy is high on Thursday and Friday, but tensions are plentiful, too. Relax to avoid a

headache. Plan to travel over the weekend. The change of scene will do wonders.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).

The intensity of a conversation you have with a loved one on Monday may startle you. If you want this person to lighten up, just make the commitment. Who knows? It could make your life easier. Launch creative projects Tuesday and Wednesday, especially the ones with lots of work involved. Let your partner take the lead on Thursday and Friday, in everything except spending money. Save that for the weekend, and you keep hold of the checkbook.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).

Looks like you'd rather stay home on Monday than do just about anything else, and if you can manage to pull that off, you definitely should. Love is the dominant theme Tuesday and Wednesday, and you'll be working like a mule on Thursday or Friday. Join your favorite partner over the weekend for a game you have played for years. A bit of competition will do you both good.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).

What you're learning Monday could propel you into all sorts of new adventures, and you're definitely in the mood to study. That's perfect. Soak it up. Hang around the house Tuesday and Wednesday to get in on a good conversation about love. Thursday and Friday, you might declare yourself in a manner so bold you surprise even yourself, but it will really feel good and do wonders for your self-confidence. This weekend will be good for tackling a tough chore.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).

On Monday, your problem is not acquiring the money but, more likely, knowing what to do with it — how to spend it wisely or where to invest it. Practice new skills Tuesday and Wednesday, and you'll come close to mastering them. Breakdowns at home on Thursday and Friday lead to new solutions to old problems. Reserve the weekend for cuddling as much as possible.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).

Monday, the new moon is in your sign, and that gives you awesome powers. Focus those not inwardly, but on helping others. Someone you know well could use your counseling now, so look around. Put your money where your mouth is Tuesday and Wednesday, by investing in a cause you know will work. Cut through the fluff on Thursday and Friday to get to the real facts you need. Have friends to your house this weekend instead of traveling far.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20).

Your smile can move mountains. On Monday, use it where it'll do the most good. Don't get drifty on Tuesday and Wednesday. Accidents could occur if you're not paying attention. On Thursday and Friday, you feel like you're made out of money. Since the sun's coming into Pisces just then, you'll probably want to buy gifts for everyone you know. What a wonderful idea for this weekend — a celebration of the sun's transit into your sign with all your friends and family in attendance! The moon will be in Taurus then, and one thing that symbolizes for you is brotherly love.

Ask The Computer Guy

Peter Wetzel
Staff Writer

Dear Computer Guy:

I'm want to buy a computer, but I want it to still be useful in a few years without burning a big hole in my pocket. Any suggestions?

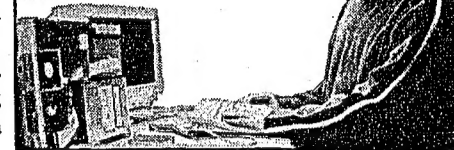
-A Technologically Challenged Student

Dear Technologically Challenged Student,

Buying a computer has to be one of the most frustrating questions since the infamous flashing 12:00 on our VCRs. However, the answer to it is much easier to understand if you think of it in a different context. Think of buying a computer as being similar to buying a car.

ASK THE COMPUTER GUY

BY PETE WETZEL



When you go out to purchase a car, you are careful in selecting one; nobody goes out and buys the first car they see. Whether it be a luxurious Lexus to accommodate all of your fellow vice presidents in your corporation, a beat-up '76 Ford Ranchero to give to your 16 year old to learn with, or a flashy Chevy Corsica to "pick-up the babes," you buy a car to fit your own needs.

You also need to find a computer that fits your needs.

First, to figure out exactly what kind of computer you want to get, you need to write out all of the tasks you want to do with it. If all you want to do is play games and surf the Internet, don't be ashamed to list it. By listing your goals and prioritizing them, you will make the most out of your machine. Some common categories listed are typing papers, computer aided design (CAD) for engineers, gaming, programming, graphic or desktop publishing, organizing and one that Apple's™ new iMac added, to match the color of your decor.

Now, we have listed what you want to do, we can categorize what kind of computer you need. Just like a family man would be opted to buy a mini-van over a convertible to haul his ice-cream carrying kids around, you should choose according to your list.

If typing papers or organizing are some of your needs, I would recommend not buying the latest, greatest out there. For what your main priorities are, a machine listed under \$1,000 would work great for you. This way you are not buying "too much" of a machine or the "grandma driving a Porsche" scenario which commonly happens to most buyers.

However, if you are looking into gaming

or computer aided design, the latest and greatest will probably suit your needs best. Since both of these tasks require massive math computations for your 3-D graphics, purchasing a machine with a lot of memory, a high megahertz, and, therefore, a high price will get the most for you. Although a lower-end computer may work, you will notice a difference in your work the more you move up in quality. Think of this situation as a stockcar racer looks at his car, the better technology you have under the hood the better it will perform for you on the track.

If you are looking to do a lot of graphic design or desktop publishing, Apple Macintosh is actually a good option. Although traditionally the Apple has been looked down upon in the computing world as an inferior and a less-marketed machine, it was, and is in many respects, a

break-through in graphics editing and simplicity. Many coping facilities, magazines, and newspaper companies use them because of this. When buying an Apple, any brand above or at a "G3" (It should be labeled somewhere) shall best suit you for these priorities. A "G3" is a type of processor Apple came out with that has superb floating-point decimal computations which allow you to edit and publish graphics with more speed and ease.

Now comes the question of where to buy your machine so it may be serviced easily. This part is normally overlooked, when in all actuality it is the most crucial part. In fact, most software, hardware and computer outlet companies spend at least 67 percent of the product's cost towards maintenance.

Another myth about where to buy your machine is that major manufactures are the best. At one time this was true, but local area shops, such as D.I.T., have shed the "used-auto dealer" image and can offer the same amount of support as the name brand, in addition to face-to-face contact to get your machine repaired. My recommendation is to buy a computer with a warranty from a place you have the option of dropping the computer off to be repaired.

Now, you are armed and dangerous with this computing knowledge, go off and search for your computer. For the finite details that your computer should have to meet your needs, just ask the sales representative wherever you go. After you have firmly established your goals for the computer with the salesperson, they will be more than happy to show you what you want. This will make you a content computer owner and last you for some time.

Techno Lingo

USB

Universal Serial Bus: a new form of connector for all input/output devices (ex. keyboard, printer) to plug into. What makes USB so special is it can be used on anything.

In the past, computers had special ports on the back of them (ex. serial, parallel) which only allowed a certain type of device to connect to it. Now you can hook up as many joysticks, scanners, etc. on any port or on any machine that has this. It's like if everybody were to speak the same language, you wouldn't need any translators and anybody could talk to everybody. Unfortunately, USB has only recently hit the market and newer PCs and Apples carry them.

PIERCINGS: A Fad For A Generation

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of diseases such as hepatitis and HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

No doubt a piercing like the one gotten recently by Dolores, a student at the University of Michigan who declined to give her last name, would send shivers down many folks' spines. She said she got her "tummy button" after asking a friend to pierce her stomach with a knitting needle.

"I was very drunk," she said. "But it looks nice."

Tales like that have prompted Indiana state Sen. Luke Kenley to propose legislation that would make it illegal for someone to pierce a minor without consent from a parent or legal guardian. He hopped on the issue after receiving complaints from one woman who reported finding a piercing parlor where no records were kept and bloody needles were dropped between uses into antiseptics not strong enough to kill some deadly germs.

City council members in North Myrtle Beach, S.C., hoping to keep piercing parlors from popping up everywhere, recently approved an ordinance that prevents shops from opening along major streets throughout town - typically routes where drunks spill out of bars and could wander into piercing parlors on a whim.

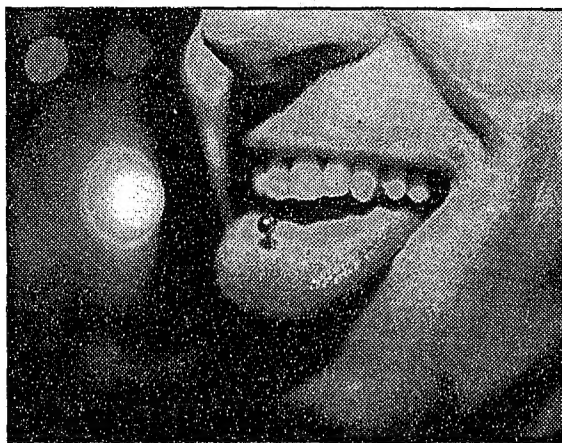
Dentists, tired of repairing chipped and broken teeth, also are complaining about all the metal being bolted into mouths across the U.S.

In the July 1997 issue of the Journal Of the American Dental

Association, professionals warned that oral piercings can lead to serious infections, and even cause swelling that could block air passages. Other dangers include problems with scar tissue, cracked teeth, damaged gums, and problems swallowing or chewing.

The ADA called oral piercing a "public health hazard," and cited warnings from the National Institutes of Health that piercing could result in hepatitis transmission, and symptoms including "pain, swelling, infection, and increased salivary flow."

Even the American Association of Professional Piercers says it's troubled by all the do-it-yourselfers out there and



parlors operating illegally throughout the country. The AAPP's newsletter recognizes that many piercings "are produced in unhygienic conditions in homes, hotel rooms, bars (and) clubs.

"The risks taken when doing a piercing in locales such as these is enormous," the organization states. "Improper training and lack of sterilization under these conditions often leads to disaster."

Diaz has heard many horror stories and is grateful she didn't have to contend with any - unless, of course, you don't consider a swollen and bleeding tongue to be horrible.

"The healing process was painful," she said. "Your tongue is swollen for a week and it hurts to eat anything. If you eat anything that's not soft, you injure your tongue, and it starts bleeding. "It was just a week, so it was no big deal to me," she added.

But to many people that is a big deal. Thanks to technology, you can see what it would be like to get pierced even before you set foot in a piercing studio. After paying a \$15 membership fee, you can check out <http://www.bodypiercingcam.com/>, where you can watch people getting pierced — live. One look at the free photographs of various piercings, however, and you might just decide to forego the membership — and any piercings you ever considered.

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Last Weekend's Scores

— Friday • Hockey at St. Cloud State 2, UNO 0 • Men's Basketball-UNO 85, at Augustana 71 • Women's Basketball at Augustana 77, UNO 69
— Saturday • Hockey at St. Cloud State 5, UNO 0 • Men's Basketball-UNO 78, at South Dakota State 77 • Women's Basketball at South Dakota State 85, UNO 77 •

Sports

This Week's Schedule

Thursday
Indoor Track and Field at Vermillion, S.D.
Hockey vs. Bemidji State University at Civic Auditorium (7:35 p.m.)
Swimming and Diving at North Central Conference meet at Grand Forks, N.D.

Mavs Break Losing Skid

Andy Nordmeier
Sports Editor

The Maverick men's basketball team broke its five-game slide with a win over Augustana Friday night in Sioux Falls, S.D. The final was 85-71.

Things didn't look good in the first five minutes for the Mavericks, as they quickly found themselves on the short end of the 19-10 score. Augustana utilized the three-point bomb to put the Mavericks down early.

Then the Mavericks took off on a run that seemed more like a sprint. They outscored Augustana 10-0 in a 3:40 span to seize their first lead of the night, 20-19. Augustana countered and tied the game at 26-26 three minutes later.

The Mavericks held the lead for most of the first half and were up 35-30 with 2:42 left in the half. That was when Augustana's Matt Cotta exploded from behind the arc. Cotta drilled three consecutive three-point bombs to erase the Mavericks' lead and put Augustana ahead by four. He added a free throw in the last second to make it a 40-37 lead at the half for Augustana.

In the second half, the Mavericks see-sawed with Augustana as the home team held the lead for the first 10 minutes of the second half. The lead was as small as three points and as big as nine at one point.

With 11:07 left in the game, Augustana held a 59-52 lead and



Chris Machlan

Maverick No. 11 Kevin Jones slams past Minnesota State-Mankato's No. 33 Dontae Johnson, at left in air.

then self-destructed.

The Mavericks, described by head coach Kevin Lehman as a team that scores in spurts, lived up to that description as they

smacked Augustana with an 18-5 run.

That run was sparked by a three-pointer from Patrick Voss.

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UNO Icemen Fire Blanks at St. Cloud

Andy Nordmeier
Sports Editor

Someone needs to remind the UNO Maverick hockey team that the initials UNO stand for University of Nebraska-Omaha when they go on the road.

With the way the team has performed in its last four road games, those initials could stand for University with No Offense.

The Mavericks were shutout twice at St. Cloud State (14-13-3) over the weekend and have now lost their last four road games without scoring in any of them.

Friday's final was 2-0 and Saturday it was a 5-0 game. The Mavericks (6-22-0) are winless in 11 games away from Omaha this year. They have scored just seven goals on the road this season.

In Friday night's game, Kendall Sidoruk was the goaltender who kept his team in it but failed to receive any offensive support. That's because the offense failed to beat a freshman goaltender in Dean Weasler. The Mavericks put 25 shots on him, but none of them went in.

Freshman defenseman Mike Pudlick provided all the offense St. Cloud State needed. Pudlick scored at the 33-second mark of the second period with a wrist shot. He then tagged on an empty-net goal after Maverick Head Coach Mike Kemp pulled

Sidoruk in favor of the sixth attacker in an effort to tie the game up.

As if losing the game wasn't bad enough, the Mavericks saw Derek Reynolds and James Chalmers leave the game with injuries and deplete the non-productive offense.

Sidoruk's play was the lone bright spot on an otherwise dismal night for the University with No Offense as he stopped 24 of 25 shots and was helped by St. Cloud missing a couple of great opportunities to put the Mavericks in a hole.

Saturday night, senior goaltender Jason Mitchell was lit up for five goals in the loss and Weasler was a perfect 30-for-30 in the save department.

This time, St. Cloud struck in all three periods and went on to roll 5-0. In the first period, Pudlick and Brian Gaffaney scored in a nine-minute span to put St. Cloud up 2-0 after 20 minutes.

In the second period, Nate DiCasmirro beat Mitchell with a wraparound goal at 9:14 on the power play to make it 3-0. Tyler Arnason's 11th goal of the year at 16:13 put St. Cloud ahead 4-0.

In the third, St. Cloud got a goal from Archie Bifulk, a walk-on player, at 13:08 to close out the scoring.

The Mavericks will close out see HOCKEY, page 12

Track Team Ran to 13 Top-4 Finishes Lady Mavs Lose at SDSU

Andy Nordmeier
Sports Editor

The Maverick track and field team ran one of its final two tune-up meets in preparation for the North Central Conference meet on Feb. 26-27 in Vermillion, S.D. when they took to the track last weekend.

The Mavericks ran in the Nebraska-Iowa Athletic Conference (NIAC) meet in Lincoln, Neb. and returned home with a provisional qualifying mark, an event win, a school record and several top-four finishes.

LaShonte McReynolds earned the provisional national qualifying mark in the 55-meter hurdles when she clocked in at 8.18 seconds. The time got her the spot, but didn't win the race.

The lone Maverick event winner was Amy Parsons in the 800-meter run. She broke the tape in 2:20 to capture the top spot.

The track team had as many

seconds, thirds and fourths (place finishes) as a sumo wrestling team in a buffet line.

Karisa Foight (58.08 seconds in the 400-meter run), Tara Biltoft (18:29.79 in the 5000-meter run) and Sandy Derby (1:25.47 in the 600-meter run) finished second in their events.

Derby's time smashed a school record previously held by Mary Ann Wieberg. Wieberg's time was 1:35.99 and was set in 1993.

The two third-place finishes on the day went to Carly Lambert (7.27 seconds in the 55-meter run) and Katie McDonnell (38.26 seconds in the 300-yard run).

The Mavericks had plenty of fourths at the NIAC meet, six of them to be exact. Lambert picked up fourth place in the 200-meter run (26.07 seconds). Kelly Koziol finished in that spot in the 400-meter run (59.31 seconds). McDonnell added a fourth place showing in the 600-yard run

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Andy Nordmeier
Sports Editor

The Maverick women's basketball team lost its final road games of the year as they lost to Augustana Friday night, 77-69, before falling 85-77 at South Dakota State Saturday night.

In Saturday night's win, Maverick forward Sarah Larson was the team's star in the loss. She scorched the nets in Frost Arena to the tune of a game-high 26 points and yanked down nine rebounds before fouling out in the final minute of the game.

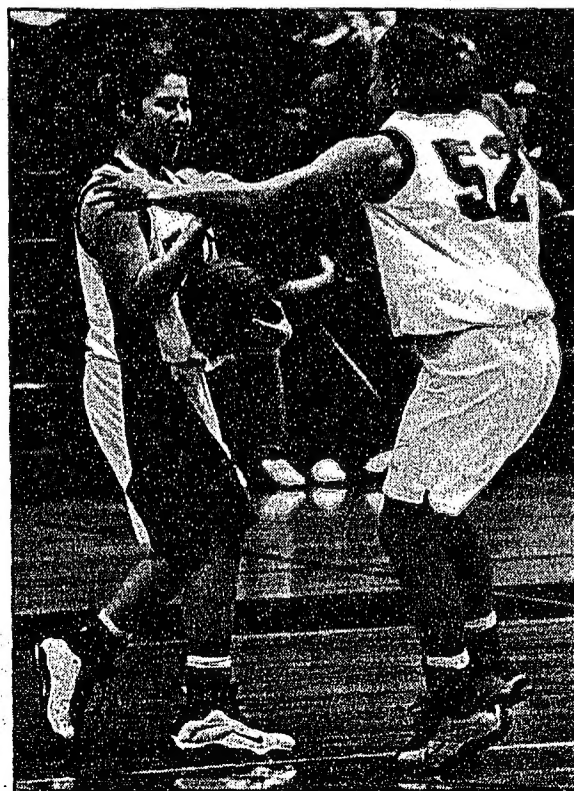
Larson got the Mavericks started as she scored the team's first 10 points and was the only Maverick offense in the opening 6:12. The Mavericks' largest lead of the night was eight points when they held a 16-8 lead with 12:35 left in the first half.

Then things went downhill for the Mavericks.

South Dakota State's Sarah Rippke and Lora Kluis combined to run off 10 straight points and erase the Mavericks' lead. South Dakota State led by as many as seven points before the Mavericks answered back.

Baskets by Larson, Jennifer Mitchell and a three-pointer from Amy Soenen drew the Mavs even at 35-35 with 1:32 left in the

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Chris Machlan

Maverick Jennifer Mitchell, left, is congratulated by No. 52 Christyn Malone after pulling a victory Saturday night.

BASKETBALL: Mavericks Break Losing Streak

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Michael Foltynski sank two free throws and the Mavericks trailed by two and forced Augustana into calling a time-out.

After the time-out, the Mavericks kept coming as Corey Griffin, Donnell Ausley and Voss scored less than a minute apart to put the Mavericks up one and making Augustana burn another time-out.

Alan Lainio and Robert Wettstein hit baskets and Mike Simons, making his first appearance since suffering a concussion against Morningside, nailed a three-pointer to close the run and put the Mavericks ahead for good.

The Mavericks were ahead 70-64 with 6:25 left and wouldn't let Augustana get closer than three points for the rest of the night.

Just in case there was any doubt, the Mavericks outscored Augustana 10-2 over the final 1:16 to close out the game. Corey Hahn put the exclamation point on the win with a dunk in the final second.

Wettstein led the Mavericks with 22 points and Griffin scored 21 while grabbing 11 rebounds. Lainio added 11 and Voss scored 10 points in the win that gave the Mavericks a winning record at 12-11 and a 5-9 mark in the North Central Conference.

The Mavericks kept their winning ways going with a heart-stopping win at South Dakota State Saturday night.

The Mavericks trailed 78-77 with a few

seconds left in regulation. Griffin, a senior guard, had the ball at the foul line and let his shot fly as the horn sounded. Griffin's shot caught nothing but net and the Mavericks scored a 79-78 win over South Dakota State.

The win was the first at South Dakota State in nine years and the first time the Mavericks have won consecutive road games in the North Central Conference this season.

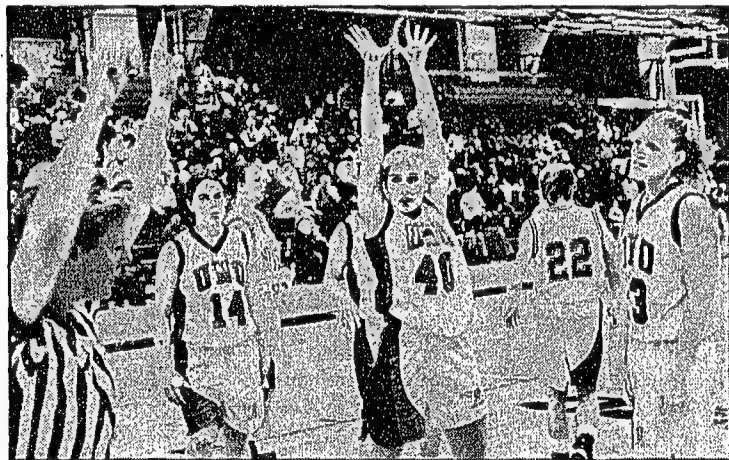
South Dakota State led by one point at the half before exploding on a 12-0 run to put the game seemingly out of reach. The Mavericks responded with a 16-1 rally to regain the lead with about eight minutes left and set up a tight stretch run and the fantastic finish.

Wettstein led the Mavericks with 17 points. Griffin and Lainio added 15 each. Simons was the other Maverick in double digits with 10 points in the win. Casey Estling led South Dakota State with 24 in the loss.

The Mavericks will try to keep this late-season surge going next weekend when they host Northern Colorado in the Sapp Fieldhouse. Tipoff is scheduled for 8:05 p.m. The Mavericks are looking to avenge a 73-71 loss to Northern Colorado that gave them their first conference win of the season and started the Mavericks on a five-game slide.

LADIES: Basketball Team Can't Catch a Break

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SH Steve Houlton

From left: UNO's Kim Birkel, Kari Kerkoff, and Sarah Larson dispute a call by the referee.

half. Marsha Novotny's two free throws gave the Mavericks a 37-35 lead with just over a minute left in the half.

In the second half, the Mavericks came out shooting as Mitchell hit a pair of free throws and Soenen pumped in another three-point bomb to put the Mavericks up by six.

That would be the end of the Mavericks' lead as South Dakota State roared back.

They went on a 20-6 run over a 6:29 stretch of the second half and were ahead 58-50 with 12:28 left.

The Mavericks would come back and tie it up at 64-64 with 8:38 left but wouldn't get any closer as South Dakota State pulled away and iced the game with four free throws in the final 12 seconds.

Friday night, the Mavericks got another strong outing from Larson, a 25-point effort, but it wasn't enough as the Mavericks fell to Augustana 77-69.

The first half of the game saw Augustana plow the Mavericks and put them on the short end of the 49-26 half-time score.

The Mavericks held the lead twice, the last time coming at 4-2, 94 seconds into the game.

Augustana then got the runs and left the Mavericks feeling like they were suffering from an upset stomach. Augustana went on an 18-4 run to take a 20-8 lead six minutes

into the game.

A pair of three-point bombs by Mitchell brought the Mavericks to within six at 20-14 but things got runny again. Augustana hammered the Mavericks 23-9 over a 10-minute stretch and was ahead 45-22 with 2:40 left in the half.

At the half, the Mavericks regrouped and put together a terrific second half, too little, too late.

Larson came out in the second half and took it upon herself to bring the team back into it. She scored 10 of the team's first 11 points in the second half and slashed the deficit to 55-40, four minutes into the half.

Over the next two minutes, the Mavericks cut it to a 10-point game at 58-48 and showed signs of putting together an amazing rally.

It nearly came together as the Mavericks trailed by five, 72-67, with 2:43 left but Augustana buried five free throws down the stretch and held the Mavericks without a field goal in the same time span.

The Mavericks (11-13 overall, 6-9 in the North Central Conference) don't get a break from the schedule maker for next weekend. They have just one home game but it is against third-place Northern Colorado. Tipoff is set for 6 p.m. It will also be the night of the half-time drawing and a team fundraiser.

Spring Break Calendar Correction: The dates for spring break are incorrect in the graduate and undergraduate catalogs (the spring break dates were changed after the catalogs went to press).

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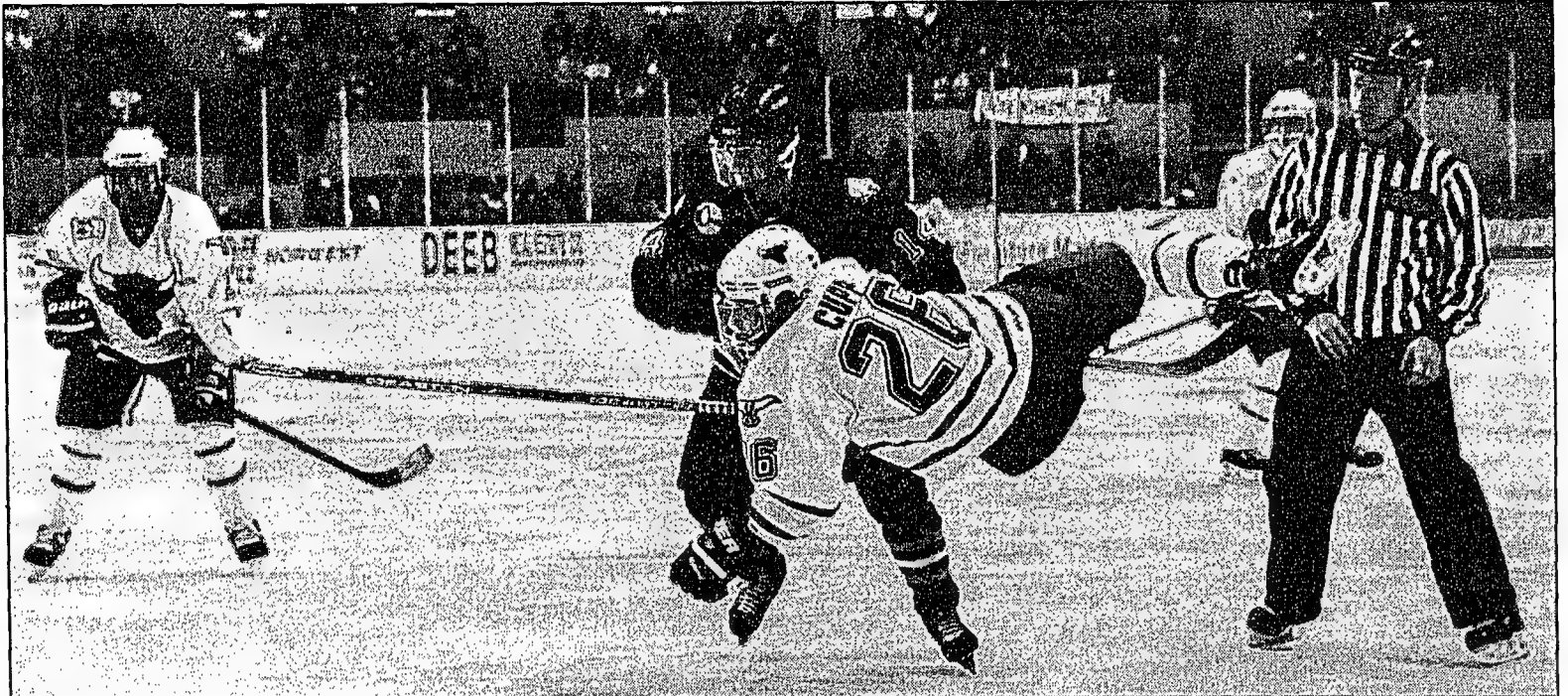
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HOCKEY: UNO Keeps Losing Away From Home

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out their home season against the Beavers of Bemidji State University in a Thursday-Friday series at the Civic Auditorium. Face-off both nights is at 7:35 p.m. Friday night's game is senior night and an autograph night as well with commemorative photos being passed out

to the first 5,000 fans.

After Bemidji State, the Mavericks will try to lose the University with No Offense moniker as they have a road series at Michigan Tech Feb. 26-27 and the season finale at Minnesota State-Mankato March 5-6.



CM Chris Machlan

Nick Fohr, #12, and Josh Lampman, #4, play a cat and mouse game against Mankato.

Mavs Hopes Hit The Clouds

Ryan Clifford
Staff Writer

The Mavericks (6-23) dropped a pair of games this weekend to St. Cloud St.

The latest loss coming Saturday night by a score of 5-0 in favor of the Huskies. The last time the Huskies swept a series was back in Dec. 17-18, 1993, against Denver.

The Huskies Brian Gaffaney started the scoring run when he scored the first goal in the first period. Gaffaney received a pass from fellow teammate Keith Anderson near the crease and then made a nice deck on Mavs goaltender Jason Mitchell to score the first goal. Near the end of the period Huskie player Mike Pudlick scored his third goal of the two game series to make the game 2-0.

The second period was more the same

thing. It was all St. Cloud State.

Nate DiCasmirro was able to score the next goal on a power play. It was only his fourth collegiate goal. It looked like DiCasmirro was trying to make a pass, but it ended up deflecting off some players and ended up in the net.

The Huskies scored about five minutes later when they had a 3-2 advantage and was able to score again. The final goal for the Huskies came in the third period from Archie Bifulk that sealed the game.

One of the thing that the Mavs couldn't do was convert the power play.

They went 0-6 on the power play. They were also outshot by the Huskies 33-30. The two bright spots for the Mavs were Derek Reynolds, who got five shots off and Allan Carr, who got off four shots.

Last weekend series was a disappoint-

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TRACK: Mavericks Finish In Top 4 - 13 Times

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(1:26.81) to her third place earlier in the day.

Michelle Patterson picked up a fourth place finish in the 5000 meters with a time of 18:41.09. Derby added a fourth place in the high jump (5 feet, 5

1/4 inches) to her record-setting performance. The 4x800-meter relay team of Niki Dorcas, Parsons, April Scheer and Janelle Treat clocked in a time of 9:46.93, which put them fourth.

The Mavericks didn't run in the

4x400-meter relay and didn't place in the pole vault, shot put or long jump.

The team's next meet is Thursday when they head up to Vermillion, S.D. to workout in preparation for the conference meet there, a week later.

ICEMEN: UNO's Hockey Team Loses On The Road

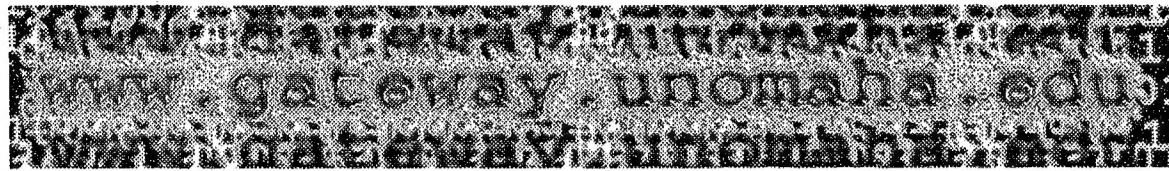
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ing, in which, the Mavs still have not won a road game yet.

Next weekend, the Mavs return to

the Civic Auditorium to face off with Bemidji State (18-11) and ranked third in the NCHA (10-6). After that

they will finish the season off on the road against Michigan Tech and then Mankato State.



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Thinking Cinderella While Wishing March Madness Were Here

College Press Exchange

MIAMI - For two weeks now, I've been staring at the calendar, trying to force March to get here already, so we can fire up our copy machines, get those brackets printed, and start talking about the greatest college sporting event in the history of the universe.

But I can't wait any longer.

There's no law that says March Madness has to begin in March. How about some February Fever? How about trying to predict this year's Valpo?

How about Northwestern?

Yes, Northwestern. The team that lost to Maine in its home opener. The team that has had only two winning seasons in the past 30 years. The team that has never been to the NCAA Tournament.

These Wildcats are different. They're 14-7, off to the school's best start in 53 years. More important, they have 6-11 center Evan Eschmeyer, one of the most underrated players in the country. The sixth-year senior averages 20.7 points and 11 rebounds and shoots 60 percent from the floor. He has scored in double digits in the past 61 games.

Cinderella candidate No. 2 is Siena (located in Albany, N.Y., in case you were wondering). Unbeknownst to most college hoops fans, Siena is the third-highest scoring team in the nation (88 points per game) and the top free-throw shooting team (78.9 percent). The Saints (20-4) haven't been to the Big Dance since 1989, when their final Metro-Atlantic Athletic Conference tournament game was played in an empty gym because of a measles epidemic. They upset 13th-ranked

Stanford in the first round of the NCAA Tournament that year, and more surprises could be coming.

While the Miami Hurricanes (16-5) have been busy climbing into the Top 20, the other Miami - the one in Ohio - has quietly racked up a 18-4 record. Nobody ever gives the Mid-American Conference much credit, but when you have Wally Szczerbiak (try typing that three times fast!), anything is possible. Szczerbiak merely averages 23.6 points, 8.6 rebounds and 3.4 assists, shoots 54.2 percent from the field, and leads the team in blocks (16). The Hawks are circling. Watch out.

Leave it to the Beavers

The most dangerous place in col-

lege hoops these days? Oregon State's Gill Coliseum.

The Beavers are perfect at home (11-0), and their fans are getting rowdy. Students sit behind the visitor's bench and have been rushing the floor after games.

Their raucous behavior has other coaches seething.

"The language was gross," Arizona coach Lute Olson said after the Wildcats' 60-59 loss in January. "It's a case where they need to be a little bit more careful

before a visiting team really gets upset or visiting fans really get upset and you have a nasty situation."

The Pac-10 issued a statement last week saying it has appointed a special committee to address concerns surrounding crowd behavior at each of the conference's

10 institutions. Oregon State athletic director Mitch Barnhart also is looking into the situation.

The Name Game: We found some buddies for Nebraska's Cookie Belcher. Cookie, say hello to John Pat Pickles (Mercer), Tang Hamilton (Mississippi State), and Kevin Sweetwyne (Idaho St.), who likes to order Ali Kart (Akron).

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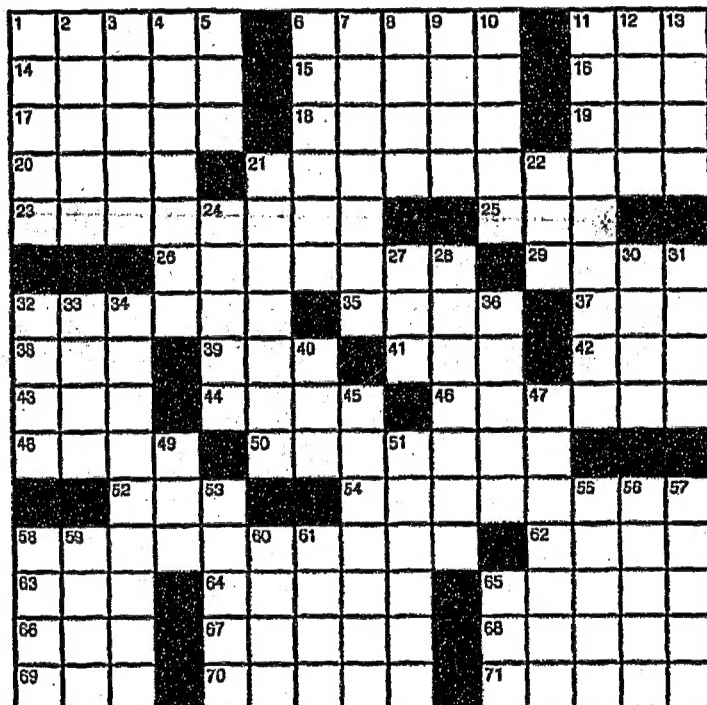
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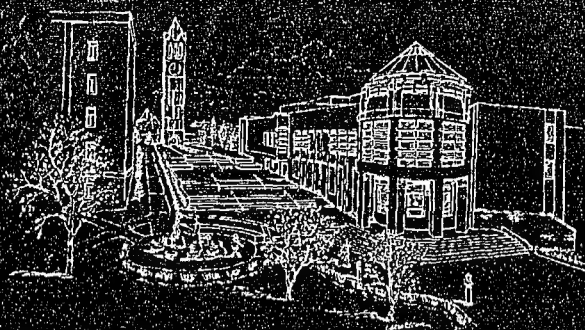
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3:30 pm Black Studies
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11 am Traffic Appeals
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12 noon A.A. Meeting
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12 noon Chapter Summary Bible Study
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12:30 pm Air Force R.O.T.C.
2 pm Safety Training
2 pm Academic Retention Forum
2:30 pm Student Programming

Thurs., Feb. 18th

8 am Minority Day
8:30 am M.B.S.C. Managers
9 am "Consider This"-KVNO
10 am Administrative Systems
11:30 am Gerontology
1:30 pm Academic Advisors
2:30 pm Panhellenic
3 pm Student Activities Budget
5 pm Gerontology
5 pm Order of Omega
7 pm Student Senate
7 pm Teacher Education
7 pm Delta Sigma Pi

Fri., Feb. 19th

7 am Information Science & Tech.
7 am Counseling

8 am Gerontology
8:30 am Campus Security
9 am Facilities
10 am Multicultural Support Services
11:30 am Teacher Education
11:30 am Gerontology
12 noon Interfraternity Council
12:30 pm Recruitment
2 pm Judicial Board
2:30 pm Teacher Education
5 pm Academic Decathlon.

Sat., Feb. 20th

8 am Academic Decathlon
10 am Zeta Phi Beta
4:30 pm Chancellor's Dinner

Sun., Feb. 21st

2 pm Sigma Kappa
5 pm Phi Delta Kappa
5 pm Zeta Tau Alpha
5 pm Theta Chi
6 pm Lambda Chi Alpha
6 pm Phi Delta Kappa

Mon., Feb. 22nd

8 am Greek Week
10 am Black History
11 am M.B.S.C. Luncheon
12 noon Omicron Delta Kappa
12 noon Goodrich Students
12 noon Master Success
12:30 pm Recruitment
2 pm Public Administration
5 pm Chi Omega
7 pm Campus Crusade

Classified Ads

NOTICES

Advertising will be rejected that discriminates based on age, race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, marital status or sexual orientation.

LOST & FOUND

FOR ITEMS LOST AT UNO

Contact Campus Security, EAB 100, 554-2638. Turned-in items can be claimed by a description and proper identification.

Advertising for items lost or found on the UNO campus will be published free in the Gateway for two weeks. Forms are available at the Office located in Milo Ball 1st Floor.

GROUPS &

ORGANIZATIONS

Gay, Lesbian, Bi or wondering? Confidential, off-campus discussion and support groups. For more info. Call 453-8824 or e-mail ophilip@unomaha.edu

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Amazing Web Site Will Show You How To Download Over 250,000 Shareware Programs FREE!
1-900-407-2200 ext. 8834
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Females needed for research study. Participation involves completing surveys on your own time & then being interviewed at a location of your convenience. Total time is one and a half hours. Participation is completely confidential. You will learn a great deal about yourself. If interested, call Kristine Anthis, M.A., at 554-2592, or send an email to: anthis@unomaha.edu

WEB SECRETS!

Amazing Web Sites will show you how to download up to \$100.00 in free software 1-900-407-2020 ext. 6213. \$2.99 per min. Must be 18 yrs. Serv-U(619)645-8434.

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EVENTS

When was the last time the spirit caught you? Come to the Solid Rock Worship Concert Feb. 16th at 6:00 PM Milo Ball Student Center Nebraska Room UNO.

HELP WANTED

SUMMER HELP WANTED
Quarry Oaks Golf Club is looking for energetic, friendly people with great customer service skills. Beverage cart, wait staff & bartending positions available. Call 402-944-6004 ask for Mark.

CHECK SERVICE CLERK
Part-time evening: Fri., Sun., Mon. 7:30 - 12:30 a.m. Sat. 5 p.m.-11 p.m. Qualified applicants should possess 10-key, math aptitude, general clerical skills, the ability to lift up to 50 lb., and ability to work under pressure. Primary duties include preparing check deposits for processing, sorting check deposits and assisting with the dispatch of checks. \$8.53/hr
Education assistance (after three months of employment, hourly employees working 15 hours a week are eligible for up to \$2625 annually in tuition reimbursement for any degree program.)
Call 221-5611 to schedule an appointment.
Federal Reserve Bank
2201 Farnam Street

Have Fun & Make Money
UNO Mav-Kids Summer Camp is accepting applications for Counselors. Spend the summer leading youths aged 6-12 through recreational programming, including canoeing, swimming, hiking, arts, and much more! Qualifications include: Current UNOmaha or other regional university student, 6 mos - 1 yr. experience working with youth in a recreational setting, camp, education, etc. Current CPR and First Aid or Life guarding certification preferred. Creativity & Enthusiasm a must! Competitive Salary. Work 35-40 hrs/week 7-5:30 pm, from June 1- July 30, 1999. If interested call: (402) 554-2539 or email: panarisi@unomaha.edu

Prairie Life Center-132nd and Center

Outstanding employment opportunities at Omaha's premier and fitness club. Nursery, lifeguard, swim instructor, food and beverage, customer service, night custodial and front desk. Apply today in person at: Prairie Life Center 2275 S. 132nd

Outstanding Outdoor Educators

The 4-H Camps in Nebraska, located at the Nebraska National Forest-Halsey, Schram State Park-Gretna, and Harlan County Reservoir-Alma, are accepting applications for summer staff. Spend mid-May to mid-August leading youth in outdoor programs. You will be trained to teach nature, ropes/confidence course, canoeing, tubing, crafts, overnight camping, and many more programs. You do not need to be in 4-H to apply. Application deadline: February 28, 1999. For more information call: (308)533-2224 or email:tracy025@univm.unl.edu.

FREE RADIO + \$1250!
Fundraiser open to student groups & organizations. Earn \$3-\$5 per Visa/MC app. We supply all materials at no cost. Call for info or visit our website. Qualified callers receive a FREE Baby Boom Box. 1-800-932-0528 x 65. www.ocmconcepts.com

CAMP NOODLE
"Making a difference for children impacted by HIV/AIDS one week at a time!" Seeking out 15 outgoing men & women to volunteer as camp counselors for 100 children impacted by HIV/AIDS in Hordville, NE July 23rd through July 30th 1999. We will pay for travel. Interested in giving these young people the best week of their lives call 402-438-9851.

GOLDEN CORRAL
Cashiering and wait staff positions, will work with schedule. Day and night positions available. Please see Mike at 10803 John Galt Blvd. (108th Street, 1 block South of "L")

Do you need a job?

We offer:
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No experience necessary and excellent advancement opportunities offered.
Call 1-800-234-RGIS
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•Ideal hours for students or retiree
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•Previous collections & accounts receivable experience required.
Call Human Resources between 10 & 4 p.m., Tues.-Friday, @391-2659 or fax resume with salary requirements to 391-7669. (EEO)

PT HARDWARE SALES Up to \$8/hr

Seeking experienced Hardware Salesperson. Evening & weekend hours available. Apply at: Keystone True Value Hardware & Drug 95th & Q

COLOR SPECIALIST NEEDED. Requires knowledge of DTP software i.e. Photoshop, Quark XPress, Pagemaker, Freehand. Will train on digital copiers and other shop equipment. Apply in person: Frogs Copy & Graphics, 11341 Davenport St. Omaha

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Part Time/Full Time Shifts (Nights/Weekends Available)
Join Expanding Omaha Company
CALL 597-1144 ask for Leslie
No experience Necessary
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DO YOU WANT MUSIC INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE?

Aslym Marketing seeks field reps/interns into progressive music? Avail. 15 hrs. + wkly, college students +. Check website: aslym.com or Fax resume: 323-954-7622.

DESTINY CAFE OLD MARKET

Looking For waiters, waitresses and cocktail servers. Call 342-9800 or apply in person, 1217 Howard St.

CRUISE SHIP EMPLOYMENT workers earn up to 2000+/month (w/ tips & benefits). World Travel Land Tour Jobs up to \$5000-\$7000/summer. Ask us how! 517-336-4235 ext. C57772

FREE LAUNDRY: Wash World Coin Laundry is looking for attendants. All shifts available at any of our four Omaha locations. Competitive pay and benefit, which include free laundry and tanning. Apply today at 3010 St. Mary's Ave.

The Boys Town Intensive Residential Treatment Center is hiring for the following positions:

Behavior Technicians, Service Technicians, Special Education Teachers, RN's, Therapists and Secretaries. We offer flexible scheduling, paid training, weekend and evening orientation, excellent benefits, tuition reimbursement and career ladder opportunities. Potential internships available. Please call Rachel at (402) 498-6393 for more information.

FOR SALE

1993 Eddie Bauer Explorer Sun roof, automatic power: seats, locks, windows. Push button 4 wheel drive, am/fm, CD player. \$8000 or best offer call John 691-9910 leave message.

ROOMMATE WANTED

MALE ROOMMATE NEEDED

House of 4, 4911 California, nice house(from March to the end of May) rent \$265 per month, heat included 561-6791.

HOUSING

APTS., HOUSES and sleeping rms. for rent, roommate lists - call UNO off-campus Housing Referral Service at 554-2383 or stop in the Admin. Office, Milo Ball Student Center.

FOR RENT

1 & 2 bedrooms available. Mutual of Omaha area. Newly remodeled. Starting at \$425. 740-1947.

SCHOLARSHIP

The UNO Chapter of the Educational Office Professional Association will award three (3) \$300 Scholarships for current full-time freshman, sophomores, or juniors with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above, in the Colleges of AS, BA, CPACS, CS, ED FA, or IS&T. Applications are available at the Biology Office, Allwine Hall 114, and Financial Aid, EAB 103. APPLICATION DEADLINE: MARCH 24, 1999.

TRAVEL

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